ASIALAND IN MARINA POINT

By Liam Timmins

New to Marina Point is a family-owned chain-store 'Asialand' offering a range of stock from Eastern countries and ingredients to spice up your meals.

The supermarket chain, owned by Soji Thomas and family, is one of the largest Asian emporiums in Connacht with locations at Westside Business Centre and Liosban Industrial Estate in Galway City. In store are products from India, Sri Lanka, the Middle East, Poland, Brazil, Thailand, Turkey and more.

The storeline is committed to providing authentic goods from these regions, while also offering them at reasonable wallet-friendly prices. Included in their more exclusive stock are their diverse teas and coffees, Indian Ayurvedic medicines, and some nifty Asian Household gadgets. Their butchery section is frequently supervised with someone offering suggestions on their fresh fish and Halal meat selections. The shop also offers free deliveries and pickups for the convenience of their customer-base.

Typically you will find two or more faces working the tills or stocks who can offer advice depending on one's needs. Store-manager Kiran D.C.R. oversees the operations of the Ballinasloe store, contributing his wealth of retail experience to its running.

The local branch opened late last February, with Cllr Peter Keavney inaugurating it to the community. Since then, the staff have noticed a significant increase in Irish families embracing the store and experimenting with its items.

Asialand store opening by Cllr. Peter Keavney with Mangagment, Staff and Families.

Store-owner Soji Thomas notes: "As people become more adventurous in their cooking and seek out authentic flavours from around the world, they're turning to us for a wide range of high-quality ingredients and products. Our commitment to providing genuine and diverse offerings has resonated with families who want to infuse their meals with excitement and authenticity. Whether it's exploring new recipes or adding a twist to old favourites, we're proud to be a go-to destination for Irish families and meal makers seeking culinary inspiration."

Their doors are open 10:00 to 20:00 each day, but can extend their hours to accommodate any customers running-late. Shortly they will be building a website and online-store to conveniently order goods in store for pickup or delivery. All updates can be found on their Facebook page at 'Asialand'.

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